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is_public_suffix	<i>Is a host itself a public suffix?</i>
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## Description

TRUE exactly when the valid canonical host equals its own public suffix under the selected policy. Returns NA whenever `public_suffix()` would return NA (missing or invalid input, or an unresolved host under `unknown = "na"`). Under the default `unknown = "default"`, an unlisted single label such as "madeuptld" is TRUE via the implicit \* rule; ask `unknown = "na"` to test explicit membership instead.

## Usage

```
is_public_suffix(
  domain,
  section = c("all", "icann", "private"),
  unknown = c("default", "na"),
  invalid = c("na", "error")
)
```

## Arguments

domain	Character vector of DNS hostnames (not URLs). Each element may be a mixed-case ASCII, Unicode, or A-label hostname, a single label, or a hostname with exactly one terminal root dot. See <b>Input contract</b> .
section	Which rule sections are eligible: "all" (default; ICANN and PRIVATE), "icann", or "private". Section filtering happens before prevailing-rule selection, so "private" does not silently add ICANN rules; a host matching no rule in the section falls through to the implicit default rule unless <code>unknown = "na"</code> .

unknown	"default" (default) applies the spec's implicit * rule, so an unlisted single label is its own public suffix; "na" returns NA when no explicit rule in the selected section matches.
invalid	"na" (default) returns NA for each invalid element without a warning; "error" aborts on the first invalid element, reporting its 1-based index.

**Value**

A logical vector with length(domain), preserving the names of domain.

**Input contract**

NA is treated as missing (returns NA), not invalid. Invalid elements include empty or whitespace-only strings, leading or consecutive dots, URL syntax, IPv6 addresses, canonical dotted-decimal IPv4 literals, and labels that fail hostname/IDNA validation. Wrong argument types and non-scalar or unknown option values always abort regardless of invalid.

**See Also**

[public\\_suffix\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
is_public_suffix("com")
is_public_suffix("example.com")
is_public_suffix("madeuptld")
is_public_suffix("madeuptld", unknown = "na")
```

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psl\_refresh

*Refresh the cached Public Suffix List from upstream*

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**Description**

Downloads, validates, and publishes a fresh Public Suffix List into the user cache. This is the only function in the package that accesses the network, and only when you call it explicitly.

**Usage**

```
psl_refresh(
  url = "https://publicsuffix.org/list/public_suffix_list.dat",
  force = FALSE,
  activate = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

url	Absolute https URL of the list source. Defaults to the official list. URLs with another scheme or embedded credentials are rejected, and a redirect to a non-HTTPS URL is refused.
force	When FALSE (default), a successfully validated cache younger than 24 hours is reused without a download, respecting upstream download guidance. TRUE forces a fresh download.
activate	When TRUE, the resulting snapshot becomes the active list for the session, exactly as <code>psl_use()</code> would activate it. When FALSE (default), the cache is updated but the active list is unchanged.

**Details**

Cache age is measured from the successful network retrieval timestamp; reusing a fresh cache does not advance that timestamp. The download goes to a temporary file in binary mode and must be no larger than a documented maximum (16 MiB). The source is then fully validated – UTF-8, section markers, rule grammar, conflicting rules, and successful canonicalization of every rule – and exact same-section duplicates warn once and are deduplicated. Source and metadata are published only after validation succeeds, using an atomic commit that never exposes a partial or mismatched snapshot. A failed refresh never replaces a valid cache or the active matcher.

**Value**

Invisibly, a one-row `data.frame` shaped like `psl_version()` describing the selected cache snapshot, whether or not it was activated.

**See Also**

`psl_use()`, `psl_version()`

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
psl_refresh()
psl_refresh(force = TRUE, activate = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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psl\_rules

*Rules of the active Public Suffix List*

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**Description**

Returns the explicit rules of the active list as a base `data.frame`, one row per rule. The implicit default \* rule is not included.

**Usage**

```
psl_rules(section = c("all", "icann", "private"))
```

**Arguments**

section Which rule sections to return: "all" (default), "icann", or "private".

**Value**

A base [data.frame](#) with columns, in order: rule (original source rule text), canonical\_rule (the canonicalized rule, including the \*. or ! marker), kind ("normal", "wildcard", or "exception"), section ("icann" or "private"), and labels (integer rule depth, counting a wildcard label). Rows are ordered first by section (ICANN before PRIVATE) and then by source-file order.

**See Also**

[psl\\_version\(\)](#), [public\\_suffix\\_rule\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
head(psl_rules("icann"))
nrow(psl_rules("private"))
```

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psl\_use

*Choose the active Public Suffix List for this session*

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**Description**

Switches the list backing every query in the current R session. The change is session-only and is validated before any session state changes; a failure leaves the previously active list usable. A successful switch invalidates the match-result cache.

**Usage**

```
psl_use(source = c("bundled", "cache", "path"), path = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

source Where to load the list from: "bundled" (the pinned package snapshot), "cache" (the latest successfully validated snapshot from [psl\\_refresh\(\)](#)), or "path" (a custom file).

path For source = "path", a single readable PSL-format UTF-8 file containing one complete ICANN section and one complete PRIVATE section, using official markers. Must be NULL for any other source.

**Details**

A custom path is held to the same runtime duplicate policy as `psl_refresh()`: exact same-section duplicates warn once and are deduplicated, while conflicting rule kinds for the same labels are fatal. Cache and custom-path sources are read in source form and indexed under the runtime normalizer; they never reuse the bundled generated index.

**Value**

Invisibly, the `psl_version()` row for the newly active list.

**See Also**

`psl_refresh()`, `psl_version()`, `psl_rules()`

**Examples**

```
psl_use("bundled")
## Not run:
psl_use("cache")
psl_use("path", path = "my_list.dat")

## End(Not run)
```

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psl_version	<i>Identity of the active Public Suffix List</i>
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**Description**

Returns a one-row `data.frame` describing the list currently active in this R session: its source-snapshot provenance and the normalization identifiers actually used to index the active matcher. Reproducing a query result requires both the active-list identity and these normalization identifiers (PRD s10), so a reproducibility-sensitive workflow should record this row.

**Usage**

```
psl_version()
```

**Details**

The columns, in order, are:

source "bundled", "cache", or "path".

path File path of a "cache" or "path" source; NA otherwise.

retrieved\_at Network retrieval timestamp, or NA.

list\_date Upstream list date, or NA when unknown.

commit Upstream commit SHA, or NA when unknown.

size Source byte size (integer).  
 checksum Source checksum, including its algorithm prefix (e.g. "sha256:...").  
 normalizer The dependency providing canonicalization, currently "punycode".  
 normalizer\_version Its installed package version.  
 normalization\_profile Its stable case-mapping / IDNA / validation profile identifier.  
 unicode\_version The Unicode data version used by that profile.

Unavailable metadata is a typed NA, never omitted. The normalization identifiers describe the implementation used by the current session, whether the active list came from the bundled snapshot, the user cache, or a custom path; an in-memory compatibility rebuild (PRD s8.3) updates them without altering the shipped source identity or checksum.

### Value

A one-row base [data.frame](#) with the columns described in Details.

### See Also

[psl\\_use\(\)](#), [psl\\_refresh\(\)](#), [psl\\_rules\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
psl_version()
```

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public_suffix	<i>Public suffix of a host</i>
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### Description

Returns the public suffix (effective top-level domain, eTLD) of each host under the selected Public Suffix List policy, following the official prevailing-rule algorithm.

### Usage

```
public_suffix(
  domain,
  section = c("all", "icann", "private"),
  output = c("ascii", "unicode"),
  unknown = c("default", "na"),
  invalid = c("na", "error")
)
```

**Arguments**

domain	Character vector of DNS hostnames (not URLs). Each element may be a mixed-case ASCII, Unicode, or A-label hostname, a single label, or a hostname with exactly one terminal root dot. See <b>Input contract</b> .
section	Which rule sections are eligible: "all" (default; ICANN and PRIVATE), "icann", or "private". Section filtering happens before prevailing-rule selection, so "private" does not silently add ICANN rules; a host matching no rule in the section falls through to the implicit default rule unless unknown = "na".
output	"ascii" (default) returns lowercase A-labels; "unicode" decodes them after matching. A terminal root dot is preserved either way.
unknown	"default" (default) applies the spec's implicit * rule, so an unlisted single label is its own public suffix; "na" returns NA when no explicit rule in the selected section matches.
invalid	"na" (default) returns NA for each invalid element without a warning; "error" aborts on the first invalid element, reporting its 1-based index.

**Value**

A character vector with length(domain), preserving the names of domain. Other attributes are dropped.

**Input contract**

NA is treated as missing (returns NA), not invalid. Invalid elements include empty or whitespace-only strings, leading or consecutive dots, URL syntax, IPv6 addresses, canonical dotted-decimal IPv4 literals, and labels that fail hostname/IDNA validation. Wrong argument types and non-scalar or unknown option values always abort regardless of invalid.

**See Also**

[registrable\\_domain\(\)](#), [is\\_public\\_suffix\(\)](#), [suffix\\_extract\(\)](#), [public\\_suffix\\_rule\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
public_suffix("www.example.com")
public_suffix("example.co.uk")
public_suffix("example.com.")
public_suffix("madeuptld", unknown = "na")
```

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public\_suffix\_rule     *Inspect the prevailing PSL rule for each host*

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**Description**

Inspect the prevailing PSL rule for each host

**Usage**

```
public_suffix_rule(
  domain,
  section = c("all", "icann", "private"),
  unknown = c("default", "na"),
  invalid = c("na", "error")
)
```

**Arguments**

domain	Character vector of DNS hostnames (not URLs). Each element may be a mixed-case ASCII, Unicode, or A-label hostname, a single label, or a hostname with exactly one terminal root dot. See <b>Input contract</b> .
section	Which rule sections are eligible: "all" (default; ICANN and PRIVATE), "icann", or "private". Section filtering happens before prevailing-rule selection, so "private" does not silently add ICANN rules; a host matching no rule in the section falls through to the implicit default rule unless unknown = "na".
unknown	"default" (default) applies the spec's implicit * rule, so an unlisted single label is its own public suffix; "na" returns NA when no explicit rule in the selected section matches.
invalid	"na" (default) returns NA for each invalid element without a warning; "error" aborts on the first invalid element, reporting its 1-based index.

**Value**

A base [data.frame](#) with one row per input and columns, in order: input (original), host\_ascii (canonical A-label host), rule (the canonical rule including \*. or !, "\*" for the implicit default), kind ("normal", "wildcard", "exception", or "default"), rule\_section ("icann", "private", or NA for the default/no result), and public\_suffix\_ascii (the derived A-label public suffix). Invalid rows are NA in every derived column. A valid host left unresolved by unknown = "na" keeps host\_ascii while the rule and suffix columns are NA. An exception rule retains its ! for auditability. Zero-length input returns a zero-row frame; all-invalid input keeps one row per input.

**Input contract**

NA is treated as missing (returns NA), not invalid. Invalid elements include empty or whitespace-only strings, leading or consecutive dots, URL syntax, IPv6 addresses, canonical dotted-decimal IPv4 literals, and labels that fail hostname/IDNA validation. Wrong argument types and non-scalar or unknown option values always abort regardless of invalid.

**See Also**

[public\\_suffix\(\)](#), [suffix\\_extract\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
public_suffix_rule("www.example.co.uk")
public_suffix_rule("madeuptld")
```

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registrable_domain	<i>Registrable domain of a host</i>
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**Description**

Returns the registrable domain (eTLD+1) of each host: its public suffix plus one host label to the left. It is NA when no such label exists (the host is itself a public suffix) or when the public suffix is NA.

**Usage**

```
registrable_domain(
  domain,
  section = c("all", "icann", "private"),
  output = c("ascii", "unicode"),
  unknown = c("default", "na"),
  invalid = c("na", "error")
)
```

**Arguments**

domain	Character vector of DNS hostnames (not URLs). Each element may be a mixed-case ASCII, Unicode, or A-label hostname, a single label, or a hostname with exactly one terminal root dot. See <b>Input contract</b> .
section	Which rule sections are eligible: "all" (default; ICANN and PRIVATE), "icann", or "private". Section filtering happens before prevailing-rule selection, so "private" does not silently add ICANN rules; a host matching no rule in the section falls through to the implicit default rule unless unknown = "na".
output	"ascii" (default) returns lowercase A-labels; "unicode" decodes them after matching. A terminal root dot is preserved either way.
unknown	"default" (default) applies the spec's implicit * rule, so an unlisted single label is its own public suffix; "na" returns NA when no explicit rule in the selected section matches.
invalid	"na" (default) returns NA for each invalid element without a warning; "error" aborts on the first invalid element, reporting its 1-based index.

**Value**

A character vector with length(domain), preserving the names of domain. Other attributes are dropped.

**Input contract**

NA is treated as missing (returns NA), not invalid. Invalid elements include empty or whitespace-only strings, leading or consecutive dots, URL syntax, IPv6 addresses, canonical dotted-decimal IPv4 literals, and labels that fail hostname/IDNA validation. Wrong argument types and non-scalar or unknown option values always abort regardless of invalid.

**See Also**

[public\\_suffix\(\)](#), [is\\_public\\_suffix\(\)](#), [suffix\\_extract\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
registrable_domain("www.example.co.uk")
registrable_domain("com")
registrable_domain("foo.madeuptld", unknown = "na")
```

---

suffix\_extract

*Split hosts into subdomain, registrant label, and public suffix*

---

**Description**

Split hosts into subdomain, registrant label, and public suffix

**Usage**

```
suffix_extract(
  domain,
  section = c("all", "icann", "private"),
  output = c("ascii", "unicode"),
  unknown = c("default", "na"),
  invalid = c("na", "error")
)
```

**Arguments**

domain	Character vector of DNS hostnames (not URLs). Each element may be a mixed-case ASCII, Unicode, or A-label hostname, a single label, or a hostname with exactly one terminal root dot. See <b>Input contract</b> .
section	Which rule sections are eligible: "all" (default; ICANN and PRIVATE), "icann", or "private". Section filtering happens before prevailing-rule selection, so "private" does not silently add ICANN rules; a host matching no rule in the section falls through to the implicit default rule unless unknown = "na".
output	"ascii" (default) returns lowercase A-labels; "unicode" decodes them after matching. A terminal root dot is preserved either way.
unknown	"default" (default) applies the spec's implicit * rule, so an unlisted single label is its own public suffix; "na" returns NA when no explicit rule in the selected section matches.

`invalid` "na" (default) returns NA for each invalid element without a warning; "error" aborts on the first invalid element, reporting its 1-based index.

### Value

A base `data.frame` with one row per input and columns, in order: `input` (original, unchanged), `host` (canonical host in output form), `subdomain` (labels left of the registrable domain; "" when none), `domain` (the single registrant label left of the suffix), `suffix` (the public suffix), and `registrable_domain` (eTLD+1). `domain`, `subdomain`, and `registrable_domain` are NA when the host is itself a public suffix. If public-suffix resolution is NA, every derived column except `input` and a successfully normalized host is NA. Zero-length input returns a zero-row frame; all-invalid input keeps one row per input. Root dots are preserved on `host`, `suffix`, and `registrable_domain` only.

### Input contract

NA is treated as missing (returns NA), not invalid. Invalid elements include empty or whitespace-only strings, leading or consecutive dots, URL syntax, IPv6 addresses, canonical dotted-decimal IPv4 literals, and labels that fail hostname/IDNA validation. Wrong argument types and non-scalar or unknown option values always abort regardless of `invalid`.

### See Also

[public\\_suffix\(\)](#), [public\\_suffix\\_rule\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
suffix_extract("www.example.co.uk")
suffix_extract(c("example.com", "com", NA))
```

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